MR. PRESIDENT: That I may decide. You may put the question now.

MR. K. S. JOSEPH: Did that report suggest that Graduates ought to be encouraged to get into the Department?

HON'BLE MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Sir, it was not a Committee that was appointed. The Administrative Controller of Stationery and Printing was appointed to co-ordinate the work of the Government Press, and he reported to Government. It was at his instance that this qualification was insisted upon.

MR. K. S. JOSEPH: Was there any earlier report re: the revision of pay of the Assistant Superintendent, Government Press?

HON'BLE MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: I am not aware. These are the recommendations of this gentleman whose name I have just now mentioned, on the basis of which Government proceed.

MR. K. S. JOSEPH: Will the Government call for another report?

HON'BLE MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: I shall avail myself of the earliest opportunity.

Salary of certain officers in the Government Press.

*46. MR. K. S. JOSEPH: Will the Hon'ble Minister for Stationery and Printing be pleased to state the scales of pay of the following posts were on 1-6-1926; 1-6-1933; 1-6-1938 and 1-6-1947 respectively:—

(a) Superintendent of the Government Press;
(b) the Asst. Superintendent of the Government Press;
(c) the Head Examiner ... do.
(d) the Head Clerk ... do.
(e) the Chief Foreman, Central Prison Press,

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Scale of pay of—	*1-6-1926* Rs.	*1-6-1933* Rs.	*1-6-1938* Rs.	*1-6-1947* Rs.
(a) Superintendent, Government Press.	200-350	200-350	200-250	275-325
(b) Asst. Superintendent, Government Press.	150-200	150-200	100-150	125-175
(c) Head Examiner Government Press.	125-150	100-125	75-100	80-100
(d) Head Clerk, do.	75-100	60-80	40-70	100-125
(e) Chief Foreman, Central Prison	60-80	60-80	40-70	80-100

MR. K. S. JOSEPH: How is it that the pay of the Head Examiner has gone down while the pay of others has increased?

HON'BLE MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: That is exactly what I mentioned when I answered the other question. That is on the recommendation of the gentleman that this reduction in the pay of the Head Examiner was effected.

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MR. K. S. JOSEPH: Is it suggested in the report that the work of the Head Examiner is tighter than the work of the Head clerk?

HON'BLE MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: The decision was arrived at on the basis of that particular recommendation, on the basis of which the retrenchment was effected.

MR. K. S. JOSEPH: Will the Government go into the question of the volume of work done by the Head Examiner during the previous years and the volume of work that is done now when compared with that of the Head-clerk? Will the Government think that the pay of the Head Examiner ought not to be revised?

HON'BLE MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: I do not think there is any necessity of such a very elaborate process. Revision of pay is the subject matter of the enquiry that has been instituted. I refer to the report of the Pay Commission which will necessarily go into the question. I do not think there is the necessity of spending so much precious time and energy in the question of the comparative work of the Head Examiner from 1926 down to 1949 January.

MR. K. S. JOSEPH: Does the Government want any recommendation in the revision of the pay of the officer?

HON'BLE MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Government are aware that there is a memorandum presented by the Press Employees, Association. I am not in a position to say that this memorandum covers this identical case.

MR. K. S. JOSEPH: May I ask whether there is a genera lrecommendation from the Government Press for the revision of pay?

HON'BLE MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: There is a general recommendation made by the man in charge of the Government Press. That report is receiving the attention of the Government.

MR. K. S. JOSEPH: Will the Government be pleased to consider that recommendation once again?

HON'BLE MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: That will be considered on its merit irrespective of personalities and irrespective of offices.

MR. K. S. JOSEPH: Till 1938 the Head Examiner was an executive officer. From 1938 onwards his pay became less than that of the Head-clerk. In that light, will the Government consider the case once again?

HON'BLE MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Certainly. The pay of other people also will be considered.

MR. MANNAR K. GOPALAN NAIR (*Thiruvalla I—General*): Is there any necessity of considering that report before the report of the Pay Commission arrives?

HON'BLE MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: There may or may not be the necesssity. Any way the matter will be finally decided upon by the Government and the Government will look into the relevent circumstances.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know whether the same person was the officer during all these years?

HON'BLE MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: No.

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